

**Amendments to the Specification:**

[0039]

Figure 2(a) shows an example in which multiple pores 7 circular in cross section are provided in the top surface portion 6-1 of the sheet-entry preventing member 6. Although in this example, pores [[6]] 7 circular in cross section are arranged in matrix condition, the arrangement of pores is not limited to this. Incidentally, in this example of Figure 2(a), the areas where the pores [[6]] 7 are not open in the whole top surface portion 6-1 of the sheet-entry preventing member 6 prevent the entry of the sheet composing the container top surface 2-1 into the region for residual ink liquid 4.

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In this case, although it is also possible to provide the region for residual ink liquid 4 in a position away from the ink supply opening [[4]] 3, it is preferred that, as in the example of Figure 5, the region for residual ink liquid 4 is disposed near, particularly in detail, below and on the border of the ink supply opening [[4]] 3, in order to increase the efficiency of storing coarse-grained ink.